inspection. Accordingly, an advisory has been issued to the concerned collector for stopping of felling of trees. However, the proposal for diverting forest land for construction and widening of NH-7 on the periphery of Pench Mowgli Sanctuary of Pench Tiger Reserve, Seoni, Madhya Pradesh is under consideration of the Supreme Court of India on the recommendations of Central Empowered Committee, wherein the Central Empowered Committee has recommended that alternative alignment may be used for widening of the NH-7, taking into account the impact of widening of the NH-7 on Pench Tiger Reserve. The Ministry of Environment & Forests has not given any approval for felling of trees along the NH-7 in this stretch.

Simplifying forest conservation rules

3424. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that mineral resources of Madhya Pradesh are not being exploited due to complicated provisions of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 and the rules made thereunder;

(b) if so, whether Government is considering to simplify these provisions;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) whether Government proposes to incorporate a provisions in the Forest Conservation Act 1980 and the rules there under for according approval to projects within a period of six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) The mineral resources of the country are exploited in the forest land with prior approval of the Central Government to the Mining proposals submitted by the State/UTs, under provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and rules made there under.

These proposals are duly considered by the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under Section-3 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. While tendering the advice, the committee may suggest any conditions/restrictions on the use of any forest land for any non forestry purposes, which in its opinion would minimize adverse environmental impact. The recommendation/advice of the Forest Advisory Committee is considered by the Government for granting approval with or without conditions or reject the same. The Central Government is required to take decision within sixty day of receipt of the recommendations. This process has been followed uniformly for all categories of proposals including mining proposals for all the State/UTs. The Central Government do not propose any change in the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Government approach on international conference on climate change

†3425. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether the developed countries have urged for reconsideration on Kuyoto protocol in the international conference on climate change to be held in Copenhagen in December;

(b) whether Government had strongly opposed this request alongwith other developing countries in the dialogue with UNFCC;

(c) whether his Minister had proposed through a letter, to unite with G-20 against this protest:

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether India's commitment and reputation is not at stake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The developed countries though agreeing to the Bali Action Plan at the 13th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in December 2007, have often urged to dump the Kyoto Protocol. India and many other developing countries have strongly opposed this move and instead have asked developed countries to take deeper emission reduction commitments as per the requirements of Article 3.9 of the Kyoto Protocol.

(c) to (e) The Minister for Environment & Forests has been interacting with his counterparts including members of G-77 & China and G-20 and our approach has been anchored in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Kyoto Protocol (KP) and Bali Action Plan (BAP).

Green India Programme

3426. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to launch the Green India Programme;

(b) if so, the details of the Programme, including its components, its objectives etc.;

(c) how much money is going to be spent on this Programme; and

(d) what would be the funding route for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) "National Mission for a Green India" is one of the eight Missions under the National Action Plan on Climate Change announced by the Prime Minister. This Mission focuses on enhancing ecosystem services and carbon sink through afforestation on degraded forest land in line with the National Policy of expanding forest and tree cover in the country. However, the Mission document has not been formulated.

Threat to ecology and environment in agency areas

3427. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state: